REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 11, 12, 16 and 17 are amended, and claims 18-26 are newly

presented. No new matter is introduced. Claims 1-26 are now active for examination.

Claims 1, 11, 12, 16 and 17 are amended to improve wording. New claims 18-22 depend

on claims 1, 11, 12, 16 and 17, respectively, and further indicate that the common platform

transfers information collected by the equipment sensor to the host computer and the application

software corresponding to the type of the equipment sensor is downloaded from the host

computer. Appropriate support for the new claims can be found in, for example, page 2, lines 9-

15, and page 5, last paragraph. New claims 23-26 are means-plus-function claims for a common

platform as described in the application.

The present application claims patentable subject matter and is in condition for

allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due as of this Amendment. To the extent necessary, a petition for

an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due

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